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30 November 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : ASD(I) Request for Staffing of COINS Project Manager's  
Office at NSA by CIA Complement

1. NSA Serial NO506, 10 May 1974, from DIRNSA to ASD(I) requests approval of a Table of Distribution (TD) for staffing the COINS Project Manager's Office (PMO). This includes personnel to be located at NSA provided by CIA, DIA, NPIC and State. It is requested that ASD(I) take action to cause one representative from each agency to be made available immediately. "This action will make the COINS PMO community in nature as opposed to its current NSA orientation."

2. The proposal for community staffing of COINS PMO is based on the letter from [ ] 9 April 1973 (S) requesting ASD(I) to take the responsibility as executive agent for the COINS experiment under the auspices of the DCI, and stating that the PMO staffing "may be community-wide subject to agreement between our Offices." DCI memorandum for IRAC, 16 April 1973, contains Mr. Schlesinger's statement that "I have decided to accept the recommendations of the report along the lines indicated in the attached letter to the ASD(I)", i.e. [ ]

3. I have received a telephone inquiry from [ ] staff, requesting that action be taken leading to the assignment initially of one CIA representative to the COINS PMO staff at Ft. Meade. The indication is that [ ] is prepared to make this request in writing. The purpose of this memorandum is to request that the IC Staff front office take action as appropriate, or give me further guidance.

4. The Table of Distribution (TD) for the COINS PMO totals [ ] positions, as follows: 13 from NSA, 6 from DIA, [ ] from CIA ([ ] Hqs. and [ ] NPIC), and 2 from State. The internal organization of the COINS PMO is as follows:

Total Mpr:

Component:

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[ ] COINS, Office of Chief  
Operations Staff (includes a Security Officer  
billet from CIA)  
User Support Staff (includes 2 special research  
asst. billets from CIA)

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Total Mpr:

Component:

25X1

Data Base Management  
COINS Network (includes ☐ data programming technicians from CIA)  
Advance Planning Implementation (includes ☐ data system analysts from CIA)

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Total

The grades requested from the CIA/NPIC personnel range from GS-09 to GS-14, with an average grade of about GS-12.

25X1 5. By telecon today with  I was advised that  did in fact approve the foregoing Table of Distribution (TD). NSA has filled all 13 positions. DIA, according to  has given a general, apparently favorable response. State has reported its inability to comply with full-time staffing, but will make a State representative available ad hoc to discuss issues as they arise. CIA/NPIC has not replied, because in the absence of a CIA Subsystem Manager there was no focal point to contact.

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25X1 6. The CIA Management Committee is to consider the appointing of a CIA Subsystem Manager at its meeting scheduled for 2 December, at which  (former Subsystem Manager) and I have been requested to appear.

25X1 7. There is also pending relative to COINS a community training plan, which was prepared by CIA/OTR at the request of the COINS PMO. This plan is now out for comments in the community. It recommends that the best place for such training is at the OTR Information Science Center, and a throughput of some  intelligence analysts annually, receiving basic training in the use of COINS computer terminal equipment and procedures, will require an augmented staff of 4 teachers and 1 secretary and an initial budget (largely for new terminal equipment) of some  Such training could begin 3 months after arrival of the training staff.

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Chairman, IHC

Distribution:

- 1 - D/DCI/IC (thru EO/ICS and AD/DCI/IC)
- ① - IC Staff registry
- 2 - IHC (Subject, Reading)

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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

Thru: EO and [REDACTED]

ASD(I) is supporting a request from COINS Program Manager for a CIA full time complement to be located at Ft. Meade as part of a community staff for COINS.

The request has some standing as a result of a part-way endorsement from Mr. Schlesinger as DCI ("subject to agreement between D/DCI/IC and ASD(I) Offices").

This proposal looks quite unrealistic in the light of today's resource limitations.

Your action, or guidance to me, is required.

[REDACTED] 30 Nov 74 (DATE)